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VA COOPERATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM # 424

Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive DruG Evaluation

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To: Study Personnel

Thru: Trial Leadership

Patients who are admitted to the hospital with unstable angina should be treated as outlined in the Protocol (pp 42-45) and the Operations Manual. Those who become stable and are removed from intravenous anti-ischemic drugs such as nitrates and betablockers for a period of 48 hours can be considered for the study. Removal of Tirofiban and heparin is not necessary for the patient to be considered for the study. The patient should be prescribed oral anti-ischemic medication as appropriate. If it is reasonable to do so, the patient should be assessed for ischemia using an adenosine/sestamibi test after an adequate treatment period.